| 1 | 2 | | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 19. | Orissa | 19 | | 52.5 | 19 | 1.9 | 240.09 |
| 20. | Punjab | | 1 | 7.5 | | 0.1 | |
| 21. | Rajasthan | 12 | | completed | | 1.2 | 300.81 |
| 22. | Sikkim | | 1 | 7.5 | | 0.1 | |
| 23. | Tamil Nadu | 6 | | 7.5 | | 0.6 | |
| 24. | Tripura | | 1 | 7.5 | | 0.1 | |
| 25. | Uttarakhand | 3 | | 30 | | 0.3 | |
| 26. | Uttar Pradesh | 34 | | 135 | 25.3 | 3.4 | |
| 27. i | West Bengal | 11 | | 67.5 | | 1.1 | 187.75 |
| | TOTAL: | 250 | | 855 | 116.3 | 25 | 2295.49 |
| | GRAND TOTAL: | 4+5+6+7=Rs. 3291.79 Crore | | | | | |

**Raising of retirement age**

† 274. SHRI DATTA MEGHE:
SHRI SANJAY RAUT:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to increase the retirement age of Central Government employees;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government had accepted all the recommendations made by First Pay Commission to Fourth Pay Commission *in toto* as it had accepted the recommendations of the Fifth Pay Commission;

(d) if not, the justification for accepting the recommendations of pay Commissions *in toto;* and

(e) whether Government has also considered that problem of unemployment would become more complex by increasing the age of retirement and whether the youths who become overage in this period would not be deprived of Government jobs forever?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. There is no such proposal.

(c) and (d) The Government had accepted many of the recommendations of these Pay Commissions.

(e) All such aspects are duly considered by the Government at the time of taking any decision.

**Change in the pattern of Civil Services Exams**

275. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) proposes to follow the General Management Aptitude Test pattern in conducting Civil Services Examination and finish the entire process in six months instead of the present pattern which involves about 18 months **for** the completion of the examination process;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the details of the changes that is being contemplated in the examination pattern; and

(c) if not, the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

**Assessment of RTI Act**

276. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any review has been made to assess the working of the Right to Information Act;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether general public still face undue hardships in getting the information in time; and

(e) if so, the mechanism proposed to be made to provide complete information to the public in time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) to (c) The Government has not yet undertaken any study to review the working of the Right to Information Act.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) The Act contains sufficient provisions to ensure supply of correct and complete information within the prescribed time.

**Population surviving with Rs. 20 per day**

277. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Sample Survey data reveals that there are many, who survives with Rs. 20 or below a day;

(b) if so, the details including the number of above citizens for the-last five years, State-wise, category-wise, year-wise and family-wise;

(c) if so, the number of people below poverty line for the last five years, year-wise and State-wise;

(d) if so, the criteria adopted to determine the poverty line as on today; and

(e) if so, whether the Competent Authority would initiate step to evolve new criteria for delineating the poverty line?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) Based on the percentage of rural and urban population below specified levels of monthly per capita concumption expenditure (MPCE) given in the Report No. 508 (61 /1.01), 'Level and Pattern of Consumer Expenditure, 2004-05', of NSS 61 st Round (July 2004-June 2005) brought out by the National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, Government of India, the per capita consumption expenditure of 60.5% of the population is less than Rs. 20 per day in 2004-05. In terms of number, this constitutes 66.2 crore persons in 2004-05.